

DIA Careers

National Consortium for MASINT Research Scholars Program

About DIA

Established in 1961, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is the nation's preeminent military intelligence organization, a Department of Defense (DoD) combat support agency, and a key member of the United States Intelligence Community.

DIA's mission is to provide timely, objective, and cogent military intelligence to the servicemen and women who defend the nation and to the decision-makers and policymakers throughout the DoD and U.S. Government. Through its Director, DIA serves as the primary intelligence advisor to the Secretary of Defense and other senior DoD officials. The Director of DIA is also the intelligence staff officer for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, responsible for providing intelligence support for military commands and operations worldwide.

About NCMR

Established in 2004, the National Consortium for MASINT Research (NCMR) provides cutting edge MASINT (measurement and signals intelligence) research for the Intelligence Community (IC). A formal consortium of laboratories, academia, and industry forms the core of the advanced MASINT research and development (R&D) program and creates a dynamic forum for diverse research partners to the benefit of MASINT. The NCMR program focuses on scientific and technological research that enhances existing MASINT capabilities or introduces new ones to address the most pressing intelligence problems. The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) has assigned certain mission areas to DIA MASINT. The program has a multifaceted approach of investing in intellectual building blocks (universities), emerging technologies (partnerships among universities, national laboratories, and industry), and human capital (scholarships and technical exchanges). These activities, in conjunction with technical oversight and guidance from DIA, provide an environment that enhances innovative resolution of complex intelligence problems.

The NCMR Scholars Program

DIA's National Consortium for MASINT Research (NCMR) Scholars Program provides promising undergraduate juniors and seniors the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000 per year towards tuition, textbooks, and room & board. The NCMR Scholars Program supports human capital initiatives by DIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The program will underwrite the training of future scientists and technologists to encourage them to consider the IC as a viable technical career path. The Scholars Program will work closely with the DIA and DNI intern programs. The scholarships are for juniors and/or seniors who are

nominated by the University NCMR representative and who meet academic requirements, are U.S. citizens, and are studying in areas necessary to IC research.

The NCMR Scholarship will be awarded through the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the University and the NCMR. The funds will be sent directly to the University on behalf of the individual selected rather than being paid to the individual directly. Funding of up to \$10,000 per individual per academic year would be provided towards tuition, textbooks, and room & board. The tuition, textbooks, and room & board requirements at the various academic institutions being attended would determine the value of this level of funding. In some cases, less would be required, while in others, more. However, the \$10,000 value represents a maximum amount for a single individual on an annual basis. If the total funds required for tuition, textbooks, and room & board are less than \$10,000, the individual selected would receive that lesser amount. The program will supply funds for a maximum of two years.

NCMR Scholars Program Student Nominee Eligibility Criteria

- Current enrollment in a participating NCMR member university listed below:
 - *University of Alabama in Huntsville*
 - *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
 - *University of Arizona*
 - *Brigham Young University*
 - *University at Buffalo*
 - *Georgia Institute of Technology*
 - *Johns Hopkins University*
 - *University of Hawaii*
 - *University of Maryland*
 - *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
 - *New Jersey Institute of Technology*
 - *University of New Mexico*
 - *New Mexico State University*
 - *North Carolina State University*
 - *Northwestern University*
 - *University of Notre Dame*
 - *University of Pennsylvania*
 - *Purdue University*
 - *Texas A&M University*
 - *University of Washington*
 - *West Virginia University*
 - *Yale University*
- Current enrollment in a baccalaureate degree program in the following academic disciplines: Engineering, Physical Sciences, or Applicable Social Sciences to include Pre-Medical Curriculum.
- Be considered a full time student. Be considered a Junior or Senior within their degree program at the time of receiving the scholarship. Sophomores may be nominated but must be considered a Junior at the beginning of the year/semester of receiving the scholarship.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent at the time of application.
- US citizenship of nominee (nominee cannot have dual citizenship).

NCMR Scholars Program Student Nominee Eligibility Criteria *(continued)*

- Additional requirements, which may include written assessment exercises and interviews telephonically or in person, may be required for finalists.
- Nominee must be willing to submit to a security background investigation.

Nomination Procedures

- The faculty member nominating the student for the NCMR Scholars Program must complete and submit the NCMR Scholarship nomination form with the associated nomination materials below. The completed nomination form must be signed by both the recommending faculty member and the nominee.
- One letter of recommendation from the faculty member nominating the student for award.
- Nominees must provide a full unofficial college transcript at the time nomination submission. The unofficial transcript is to be attached to the nomination form. Finalists may be requested to submit official transcripts. Transcripts without names and appropriate identifying information will not be accepted.
- Nominees are to provide the following information in a one page essay (12 Point Times New Roman Font, Single Spaced, with 1 Inch Margins):
 - Explain/Discuss your interest in your choice of major and your plans for the future.
- Nominee resume including extracurricular activities.
- Mail completed/signed nomination form with letter of recommendation, transcripts, one page essay, and resume to:

**NCMR Scholars Program
Attn: Priscilla Cahill
The MITRE Corporation, MS: T760
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McLean, VA 22102**

Deadline for Receipt of Nomination Materials: 30 May 2007

(Incomplete applications will not be accepted for review. Only student nominations officially submitted by participating universities will be reviewed.)

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